THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) There are no notified rules for recognition of private hospitals under CGHS. The terms and conditions for recognition of private hospitals/diagnostic centres under CGHS are given in the tender document which is posted on the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's website *viz. www.mohfw.nic.in.* The said tender document has *inter-alia* specified that Private hospitals with 100 or more beds are eligible to apply and those with less than 100 beds are not eligible. The last date for receipt of tenders from the private hospitals/diagnostic centres for recognition under CGHS in the various CGHS cities was 27th/28th/29th April, 2004 since the advertisement issued by CGHS in the leading newspapers had stated that tenders would be received up to 30 days from the date of publication of the advertisement in the respective cities.

The CGHS selects hospitals for recognition only out of the tenders received subject to fulfilment of the criteria given in the tender document, the recommendations of the Inspection Committee and approval by The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Legislation on HIV/AIDS

560. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the draft on the country's first comprehensive legislation on HIV/AIDS is ready;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce it in the current session of Parliament; and

(c) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy states that the Government will strengthen anti-discrimination and other protective laws that protect vulnerable groups, people living with HIV/AIDS and people with disabilities from discrimination in both the private and public sectors. Deliberations

with the diverse stakeholders are under way to develop a frameworK for comprehensive legislation to protect the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Death and disability due to Cardio-Vascular diseases

561. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study by the Earth Institute of Columbia University conducted with international collaboration in India, South Africa, Brazil and Russia warns of rising rates of death and disability due to cardio-vascular diseases which may seriously affect productivity and impose economic burdens on these countries;

(b) whether according to the study India will be the worst hit due to early deaths and disability with productive life year loss due to deaths in 35 to 64 years; and

(c) if so, whether Government have studied this report and the steps being considered in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, a recently released study by the Earth Institute of Columbia University conducted with international collaborators in India, South Africa, Brazil and Russia warns that rising rate of deaths and disability due to cardio-vascular disease will seriously affect productivity and impose economic burden on these countries. India will be the worst hit due to early deaths and disability with productive life-year losses due to deaths in 35—64 year age group rising from 9.2 million in 2000 to 17.9 million in 2030. This increase suggested to be linked to change in life style such as decreased physical activity, changing food habits, increase in fat and sugar consumption, low intake of fiber and micro nutrients (folic acid, antioxidants) etc. The Government is spreading health messages through electronic media to increase public health awareness about heart diseases and healthy living practices.